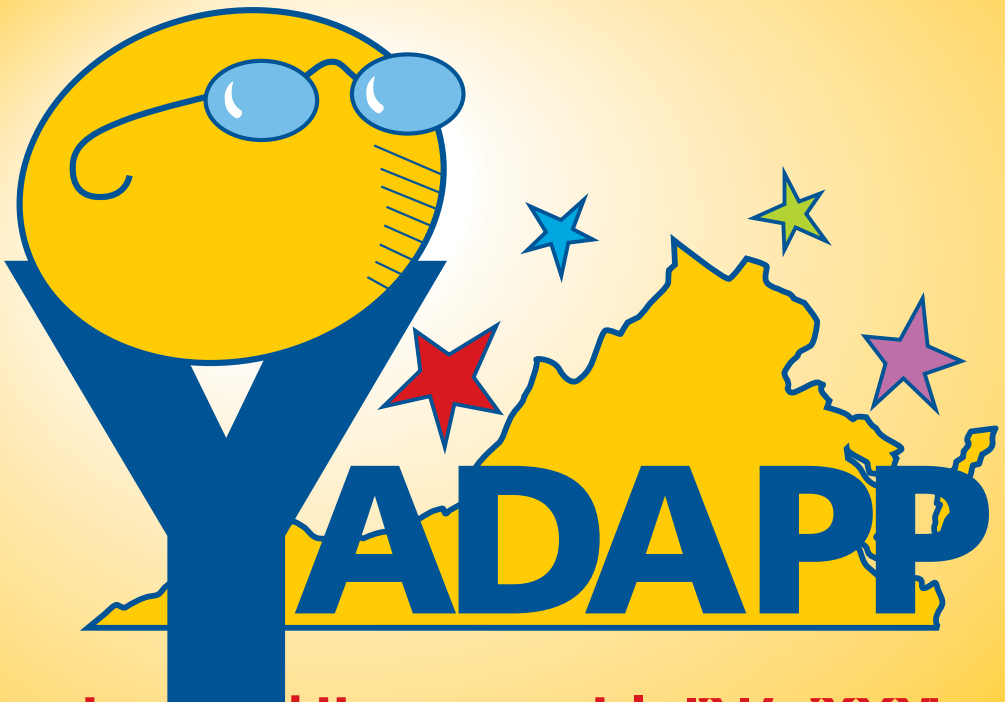


20<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Youth Alcohol and Drug  
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**Longwood University • July 12-16, 2004**



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**Registration Deadline: May 31, 2004**

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# Changing Lives Through Leadership

## YADAPP 2004 .....



In November of 2002, Governor Warner unveiled the KIDsafe Virginia initiative. This initiative seeks to provide numerous personal safety resources to students, parents, educators and public safety professionals across the Commonwealth. Targeting high school age youth, the Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) provides participants with an incredible resource and opportunity to positively impact schools and communities throughout Virginia.

Sponsored by the Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention in coordination with the Virginia Center for School Safety, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual YADAPP Summer Leadership Conference will be held July 12–16, 2004, at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia.

The mission of the Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project is to develop youth leadership in order to foster substance abuse and violence prevention efforts at the state, regional, and local level.

YADAPP is designed as a youth empowerment conference. Participants are trained to take leadership roles in their schools and communities in order to implement projects related to the promotion of safe schools and the prevention of alcohol and drug use by their peers. Working in teams, participants will develop action plans, network, and gain valuable leadership skills.

After 20 years in existence, YADAPP has impacted the lives of thousands of students throughout Virginia. This success is a direct result of the participation of these students in the planning and coordination of the conference. YADAPP is a “student-run” project. You will not want to miss being a part of YADAPP 2004!

Space is limited so we urge you to avoid disappointment by registering early to ensure that your high school/community is represented at YADAPP 2004! An online version of this information is available at [www.yadapp.com](http://www.yadapp.com).

***On behalf of the Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention and the Virginia Center for School Safety, thank you for all of your hard work in making the future of Virginia safe and drug-free for all citizens of the Commonwealth, but especially for our youth.***

Questions about the conference should be directed to:  
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# INFORMATION

## How many people will be there?

Approximately 400 high school students from across the Commonwealth will attend YADAPP 2004 representing either their school or community. In teams of four, these students will work with an accompanying adult sponsor to develop an action plan that addresses an aspect of substance abuse and violence prevention in their school and/or community. There will be lots of energy at YADAPP 2004 this summer as approximately 400 students, 100 adult sponsors, 40 Youth Leaders, 25 Junior Staff members, and more than 50 adult conference staff, Resource Officers, and workshop presenters work together to make Virginia safe and drug-free for all of us to enjoy.

## What goes on at the conference?

YADAPP is a student-run project focused on empowering the youth of Virginia to change lives through leadership. Here is what YADAPP 2004 participants can look forward to:

**Strategies To Act Now (STAN) Plan**—As the focal point of the conference, student participants are trained in teams of four to develop an action plan in order to implement an activity related to the promotion of substance abuse and violence prevention efforts in their school and/or community. Teams develop their STAN plan at YADAPP and work with their adult sponsor and fellow students during the 2004–2005 school year in order to help implement their plan.

**STAN Plan Mini-Grants**—At the conclusion of YADAPP 2004, 20 YADAPP teams will be awarded mini-grants in order to implement promising STAN plans.

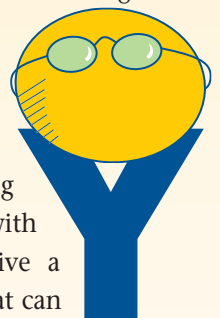
**Motivational Speakers**—A participant favorite, YADAPP 2004 will feature motivational and inspiring guest speakers in order to energize and inspire student participants to achieve their full potential.

**Free Round Workshops**—These themed workshops will provide additional prevention tools to participants on such topics as youth empowerment, marketing and fund-raising, and substance abuse and violence prevention awareness.

**After-Prom Simulation**—Participants will enjoy a safe and drug-free party at the conclusion of YADAPP 2004 in order to celebrate their success and gain new ideas for their own after-prom events.

## For the adults...

Through a separate track, adult sponsors learn the STAN planning process, participate in educational workshops, and network with state and local resources. In addition, adult sponsors receive a certificate of attendance at the conclusion of the conference that can often be used for points towards certificate renewal.



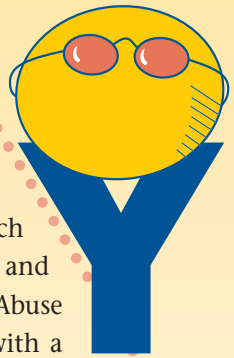
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## Team requirements?

- High School OR Community Team (i.e. YMCA, CSB, etc. ...)
- Four students—two males and two females preferred
- Participants should be selected for their commitment to lead drug-free lives and their peer leadership abilities. You are encouraged to look carefully at students who represent diverse areas of your school/community. Pay attention to those who are “natural” leaders and not necessarily “elected” leaders.
- Rising 10th, 11th, and 12th are graders strongly preferred.
- Participants selected may not have attended any previous YADAPP.
- Each team must be accompanied by an adult sponsor who will actively participate with his/her students at the conference and who will continue to work with the team after YADAPP.
- A second adult sponsor may attend the conference at an additional cost of \$50.

## How much does it cost?

The registration fee for YADAPP 2004 is \$400 per team of four students and one adult sponsor. Conference and travel expenses may often be paid from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 2001 (SDFSCA) funding allocated to each school division in Virginia. All other expenses including meals and lodging will be paid by the Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention and the Virginia Center for School Safety. Teams with a second adult sponsor will be charged an additional \$50.



## How do we register?

It's quick and easy. The registration process for YADAPP 2004 is completely online. Visit [www.yadapp.com](http://www.yadapp.com) or [www.vaschoolsafety.com](http://www.vaschoolsafety.com) to learn how to register your team. Before registering, make sure you have adult sponsor name(s), student names, grade level, and the mailing address and phone number of your school or community organization. Teams may pay the registration fee via purchase order, credit card, or check. Space is limited to the first 100 teams that register. The registration deadline is **May 31, 2004**.

If paying by check, please make check payable to the *Treasurer of Virginia* and send to:

YADAPP 2004, Department of Criminal Justice Services  
Attn: Finance, Judy Lloyd  
805 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

**Do not pass up this incredible leadership opportunity for your youth!  
Register today!**

## Questions concerning team registration?

Do you have questions not answered here? Questions about team registrations should be directed to:

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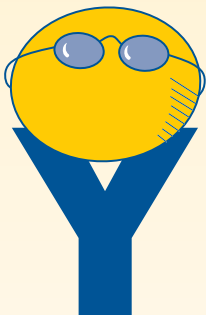
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## How do we know that our team has been accepted to attend YADAPP 2004?

Letters confirming registration will be sent directly to the adult sponsor via the mailing address entered during the team's online registration. These letters will be sent well in advance of the conference and will also contain detailed information to help your team prepare for YADAPP 2004.

## Pre-Conference Checklist

- ☐ Have you located four energetic student leaders in your school or community?
- ☐ Have you visited [www.yadapp.com](http://www.yadapp.com) or [www.vaschoolsafety.com](http://www.vaschoolsafety.com) to register your team online? Remember, the registration process for YADAPP 2004 is completely online. It is quick and easy!
- ☐ Have you secured payment for the \$400 registration fee? Payment may be made by purchase order, credit card, or check. The registration fee covers a team of four students and one adult sponsor. An additional adult sponsor must pay a \$50 registration fee.
- ☐ Have you identified substance abuse and violence prevention resources in your school or community (i.e. names and organizations)? One of the first steps for students in the STAN planning process is to brainstorm substance abuse and violence prevention activities and resources available in their school or community. A pre-conference brainstorming session could increase the chances your team has of developing a successful STAN plan.



## REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

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